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Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above is the following:

1. Supplemental Amendment (8 pages)
2. Attachment to Preliminary Amendment (4 pages)

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Further to applicants response of April 9, 2002, and in response to an inquiry received by voice mail from Examiner Sisson, applicants respectfully request that the following claim amendments be entered in lieu of those submitted on April 9, 2002. Applicants undersigned representative believes that the present Supplemental Amendment is substantially identical to the Amendment dated April 9, 2002, except for the designation of claims 9 and 14 as "amended", rather than "new."

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of reducing contamination in a nucleic acid analyzer, the method comprising the steps of: